

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 November 1995
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	The Art of John Willie Sophisticated Bondage Book One
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Glittering Images
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	Italy
Language:	Italian / English / French

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book presents and discusses the artwork of John Willie, who is an illustrator and photographer. In his work, he presents a barrage of images in which women are presented in a sexualised manner wearing restraints, and are occasionally threatened in this vulnerable state, in the main, by Dominatrix styled women wielding whips. The threat of sexual coercion and violence is implicit in the restrained positioning of the women, clad in lingerie or naked. In addition, the images of the women, as they are presented as vulnerable in a sexual context, are degrading and at times dehumanising. This is found to be contained within a fetish framework. The misogyny inherent in the imagery of women as victims of sexual violence is considered to be intense and real.

Due to the extent, degree and manner of the presentations of sexualised images of women restrained and victimised, the availability of the publication is considered to be likely to be injurious to the public good. Therefore the publication is classified objectionable.

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